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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University will host Danielle Hall and Elizabeth Ring in their senior musical theatre recitals on Friday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. Due to COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines, the recitals will be livestreamed for the public at livestream.com/obu, and there is limited seating for Ouachita students, faculty and staff in McBeth Recital Hall.

Hall is a senior musical theatre major from Prairie Grove, Ark. She is a state National Association of the Teachers of Singing (NATS) semifinalist, has participated in the Opera in Concert Italy Program and is a member of Ouachita Singers, Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society and Chi Mu women's social club. She also has performed in Ouachita's productions of *Junie B. Jones The Musical* as Jean Piper and *Hay Fever* as Judith Bliss, and she will play Anne Steele in Ouachita's upcoming spring musical, *Sense & Sensibility*. Hall is a student of Dr. Maggie Garrett, associate professor of music, and Stephanie Murry, assistant professor of theatre arts.



Picture 1 Danielle Hall

"It really has been a coming together of everything that we've learned the past four years," Hall said in reference to the recital. "There's so much more that I know about music and performing now, and I think that gets to be shown off in this recital. I think it will be a fun journey that the audience gets to take with us."



Picture 2 Elizabeth Ring

Ring is a senior musical theatre major from Cabot, Ark. She is a state NATS semifinalist, a participant of the Opera in Concert Italy Program and a member of Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society and Tri Chi women's social club, where she has served as a song leader. She also has performed in Ouachita's production of *Auferstehungshistorie: Historia der Auferstehung Jesu Christi* as Mary Magdalene and in the ensembles of *Junie B. Jones The Musical* and *Oklahoma!*. Ring also is a student of Dr. Garrett and Professor Murry.

"My theatre teachers have helped me to grow and have been so supportive throughout my college experience," said Ring. "I am hoping the audience leaves our performance with a little more joy in their life!"

Hall and Ring will begin their recital with a joint performance of Tom Higginson's "BFF" from *SpongeBob Squarepants: The Broadway Musical*. Next, Ring will perform Joe Iconis' "Blue Hair" from *The Black Suits*, followed by a performance from Hall of Alan Menken's "Wind in My Hair" from *Tangled: Before Ever After* with assistance from Payton Mixon. Hall then will perform Frank Wildhorn's "Dyin' Ain't So Bad" from *Bonnie and Clyde* and Frederick Loewe's "Show Me" from *My Fair Lady*. Next, Ring will perform Richard Rodgers' "Impossible" from *Cinderella* with assistance from Sara Kate Cole, followed by Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" from *Phantom of the Opera*. Hall will then perform Jeff Richmond's "It Roars" from *Mean Girls: The Musical*, and Hall and Ring will conclude the recital together with a performance of Stephen Schwartz's "For Good" from *Wicked*.

Mixon is a junior musical theatre major from New Caney, Texas, and Cole is a sophomore musical theatre major from Fort Smith, Ark. Elizabeth Dawson, a senior musical theatre major from Little Rock, Ark., is serving as Hall and Ring's choreographer, and Kristen La Madrid, Ouachita staff accompanist, will accompany them on piano.

For more information, contact OBU's School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.

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